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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,572,258
U.S. Patent No. 5,748,761
"Spatio-Temporal Segmentation Of Video Data", by Wang, et al., Proceedings of the SPIE, Vol. 2182, Feb. 7, 1994, pgs. 120-131
"Video Coding By Segmenting Motion Vectors And Frame Differences", by Suk Byung Chae et al., Optical Engineering, Vol. 32, No. 4, April 1, 1994, pgs. 120-131

These documents were cited during prosecution of an Australian patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Australian Office Action is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the documents cited above is provided in the Australian Office Action.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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